



**State of New Hampshire**  
Public Employee Labor Relations Board

**United Steelworkers of America**

v.

**Manchester Water Works**

**Case No. G-0058-24**

**Decision No. 2015-195**

Order

The parties appeared for hearing on August 25, 2015 at which time I had preliminary discussions with them about the pending arbitration, including the general scope of the arbitrator's authority over the arbitration proceeding and in particular the arbitrator's authority to resolve disputes and issues like the one raised in this proceeding (whether the City is required to produce a co-employee personnel file to the Union in connection with the pending arbitration). Instead of proceeding with the hearing and having the PELRB decide the merits of the Union's complaint it was agreed that the parties will raise the underlying issue (production of the personnel file) with the arbitrator, who will then decide and resolve the matter as part of the arbitration proceeding. I find that this is the appropriate course of action in this case and therefore direct the parties and the arbitrator to proceed on that basis. Case dismissed.

So ordered.

Date:

8/25/2015

  
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